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An overgrown estate falling into the hands of one that has many children, it is broken into so many portions as render the sharers rich enough.

You must have known it.

—Indeed I did, then favour'd by the king,
And by that means a sharer in the secret.
If, by taking on himself human nature at large, he hath a compassionate and tender sense of the infirmities of mankind in general, he must needs, in a peculiar manner, feel and commiserate the infirmities of the poor, in which he himself was so eminent a sharer.

I suffer many things as an author militant, whereof in your days of probation you have been a sharer.

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If we had nought but sense, each living wight,
Which we call brute, would be more sharp than we.

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Sharp to the world, but thoughtless of renown,
They plot not on the stage, but on the town.

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Many other things belong to the material world, wherein the sharpest philosophers have never yet arrived at clear and distinct ideas.

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As the sharpest eye discerneth nought,
Except the sun-beams in the air do shine;
So the best soul, with her reflecting thought,
Sees not herself, without some light divine.

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To sharp eye'd reason this would seem untrue;
But reason I through love's false optics view.

5. Sour without astringency; four but not austere; acid.
So we, if children young diseased we find,
Anoint with sweets the vessel's foremost parts,
To make them taste the potions sharp we give;
They drink deceiv'd, and so deceiv'd they live.

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Whom the whetstone sharpens to eat,
They cry, millstones are good meat.

SHARP. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To play thievish tricks.
I live upon what's my own, whereas your scandalous life is only cheating or sharping, one half of the year, and starving the other.

To SHARPEN. *v. a.* [from sharp.]
1. To make keen; to edge; to point.

The weaker their helps are, the more their need is to sharpen the edge of their own industry.

2. To make less flat; to make more pointed.

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Provoking sweat extremely, and taking away all sharpness from whatever you put in, must be of good effect in the cure of the gout.

4. Severity of language; satirical sarcasm.
There's gold for thee,

Thou must not take my former sharpness ill,
I will employ thee back again.

5. Some did all folly with just sharpness blame,
While others laugh'd and scorn'd them into shame;

6. But, of these two, the last succeeded best,
As men aim rightest when they shoot in jest.

7. This is a subject of which it is hard to speak without satirical sharpness and particular reflections on many churches of christians.

8. The sharpness of his satire, next to himself, falls most heavily on his friends.

9. Painfulness; afflictiveness.
At this time

We sweat and bleed; the friend hath lost his friend;
And the best quarrels in the heat are curst

10. By those that feel their sharpness.

11. Not a single death only that then attended this profession; but the terror and sharpness of it was redoubled in the manner and circumstances.

12. Intellectual acuteness; ingenuity; wit.
Till Arianism had made it a matter of great sharpness, and subtilty of wit to be a found believing christian, men were not curious what syllables or particles of speech they used.

13. The daring of the soul proceeds from thence,
Sharpness of wit and active diligence.

14. The son returned with strength of constitution, sharpness of understanding, and skill in languages.

15. Quickness of senses.
If the understanding or faculty of the soul be like unto bodily sight, not of equal sharpness in all; what can be more convenient than that, even as the dark-sighted man is directed by the clear about things visible, so likewise in matters of deeper discourse the wife in heart doth shew the simple where his way lieth.

16. SHARP-SET. [*sharp* and *set*.] Eager; vehemently desirous.
Basilus forced her to stay, tho' with much ado, she being sharp-set upon the fulfilling of a shrewd office, in overlooking Philoclea.

17. An eagle sharp-set, looking about her for her prey, spy'd a leveret.

18. Our senses are sharp-set on pleasures.

19. A comedy of Johnson's, not Ben, held seven nights; for the town is sharp-set on new plays.

20. SHARP-VISAGED. [*sharp* and *visaged*.] Having a sharp countenance.

21. The Wells that inhabit the mountains are commonly sharp-visaged.

22. SHARP-SIGHTED. [*sharp* and *sight*.] Having quick sight.

23. If she were the body's quality,
Then would she be with it sick, maim'd, and blind;

24. But we perceive, where these privations be,
An healthy, perfect, and sharp-sighted mind.

25. I am not so sharp-sighted as those who have discerned this rebellion contriving from the death of Q. Elizabeth.

26. Your majesty's clear and sharp-sighted judgment has as good a title to give law in matters of this nature, as in any other.

27. Nothing so fierce but love will soften, nothing so sharp-sighted in other matters but it throws a mist before the eyes on't.

28. To SHATTER. *v. a.* [*schuteren*, Dutch.]

1. To break at once into many pieces; to break so as to scatter the parts.

2. He rais'd a sigh so piteous and profound,
That it did seem to shatter all his bulk,

3. And rend his being.

4. Ye myrtles brown, with ivy never fear,
I come to pluck your berries harsh and crude,

5. And with forc'd fingers rude
Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year.

6. They escape dissolution, because they can scarce ever meet with an agent minute, and swiftly enough moved, to shatter or dislocate the combined parts.

7. A monarchy was shattered to pieces, and divided amongst revolted subjects, into a multitude of little governments.

8. Black from the stroke above, the smouldring pine
Stands as a shatter'd trunk.

9. To dissipate; to make incapable of close and continued attention.

10. A man of a loose, volatile and shattered humour, thinks only by fits and starts.

11. To SHATTER. *v. n.* To be broken, or to fall, by any force applied, into fragments.

12. Of bodies, some are fragil; and some are tough and not fragil; and in the breaking, some fragil bodies break but where the force is; some shatter and fly in many places.

13. SHATTER. *n. f.* [from the verb.] One part of many into which any thing is broken at once.